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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT
TOPIC Occupation of the Military Installations in Weimar, Jena, and Zeitz		
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EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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REMARKS		
This is UNEVALUATED Information		

1. Weimar residents stated that elements of the units stationed in Weimar returned to their installations by road between 28 and 31 August 1954. About 50 percent of the windows of the installations were lit at dusk. The military installations of the post were occupied by an estimated 3,000 soldiers. No heavy weapons or arriving troop trains were observed. Small details arrived or departed aboard regular trains. On 30 August, truck occupied by 10 officers left Nachrichten Kaserne (8504). Vehicular traffic in the town increased slightly. 25X1  
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2. Between 17 August and 5 September, the Tannenberg Kaserne (8502) in Weimar was occupied by 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and 50 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets. On 24 August, 15 driving school trucks left the installation. The motor vehicle on the tailboards of the vehicles 25X1  
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On 25 August, 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets fired with heavy machine guns at practice targets north of the west section of the installation.
3. Between 17 August and 5 September, the east section of Luetzendorf Kaserne (8503) was occupied by approximately 250 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, the central section was occupied by approximately 300 soldiers. Sentries seen there wore black-bordered black epaulets. On 31 August, 10 driving school trucks entered the installation. 25X1  
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4. Three new sheds, each about 30 meters long, were erected north of Falk Kaserne (8501). On 20 August and 9 September, approximately 30 soldiers engaged in physical training and fatigue duty. Sedans 25X1  
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5. Between 18 August and 3 September, the Nachrichten Kaserne (8504) was occupied by 250 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Between 40 and 50 soldiers received instruction on a radio truck, engaged in physical training and training with gas masks or marched out of the kaserne on several days of observation. [redacted] 25X1
6. The commanding officer of the Nohra Fliegerhorst stated that he was in command of 500 soldiers. Intensive road construction work including the building of approach roads to the autobahn and the Weimar-Erfurt highway was under way in the area of the Fliegerhorst. Fifty workers and 25 VPs were employed there. Motor vehicles seen [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] One building of the former Erziehungsheim was occupied by Soviet families. Fifteen officers fired with pistols at silhouette targets. 25X1
7. Between 16 and 28 August, the barracks installation in Jena-Loebstedt (8222) was occupied by approximately 170 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Three armored personnel carriers, 3 JS tanks and 12 driving school trucks were repeatedly seen. Firing practices were frequently conducted at dusk or at night. On 27 August, a Soviet kindergarten was established in the Neuer Gasthof (inn) in Loebstedt. Later, 50 women went from the Gasthof to the installation. 25X1
8. Between 16 and 28 August, the barracks installation in Zwaetzen (8221) was occupied by approximately 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Foxholes, 75 cm in diameter, were dug around the installation. On 17 August, 30 soldiers wearing engineer insignia and armed with machine guns and rifle grenade equipment left the installation. A truck had motor vehicle [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] The circle had a diameter of about 15 cm. Motor vehicle [redacted] 25X1
9. Between 23 and 31 August, the Artillerie Kaserne (8542) in Zeitz was occupied by approximately 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Three T-34 tanks [redacted] and motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] were seen. The Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by approximately 180 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. At 0700, 1500, and 1900, approximately 150 soldiers daily marched to the Artillerie Kaserne where they received meals. Motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1
10. At 1000 on 31 August, a unit of 500 men was lined up in the yard of Infanterie Kaserne. A local resident stated that this unit arrived at the installation from the direction of Cera on trucks at 0900. Twenty-four trucks were seen in the rear of the barracks area. Truck [redacted] towed a field kitchen. 25X1
11. At 1615 on 30 August, 22 tanks were seen on the autobahn. They came from the direction of Weissenfels and proceeded to the Zeitz Forest via Krossen. 2
1. Comment. The 20th Gds Mech Div was apparently still stationed at the Ohrdruf training grounds in early September. The 67th Gds Mech Regt, which remained in the Infanterie Kaserne in Zeitz until early August, appeared to be also stationed at Ohrdruf. The retransfer to Weimar indicated in paragraph 1 is believed to have involved only two shipments of the 13th AAA Div which returned from Wustrow on 28 August. The motor vehicle [redacted] observed in Weimar belonged to various units of the Eighth Gds Army. [redacted] 25X1  
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2. Comment. Since the motor vehicle [redacted] belong to the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div it is assumed that observations in paragraphs 10 and 11 refer to the same unit. It is believed, therefore, that tanks of the 17th Gds HV Tank SP Regt from Weissenfels engaged in firing practices in the Zeitz Forest. 25X1

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